2. The Defence bases and other establishments were originally located away from the urban areas. These were sited keeping in view strategic and tactical considerations. Over the years towns have expanded and some of the establishments are now surrounded by urban habitation.

3. These habitations around Defence establishment have come up in violation of the Indian Works of Defence Act 1903, which stipulates that restrictions should be imposed on the use of land in the vicinity of any Works of Defence and that such land be kept free from buildings and other obstructions for reasons of security of the establishment. The clearance zone is decided keeping in view the safety distances prescribed by various types of activities in these installations and as such may differ for various installations. Compensation is also admissible as per Works of Defence Act 1903 for any damage caused or to be caused and for value of rights restricted by such Gazette Notification.

4. Once the Gazette Notification is issued by the Government, District authorities of the State Governments are to ensure its implementation and take remedial measures in case of any violations. It is for State Governments to take steps for shifting of population settled within clearance zone settled in violation of law to safer places. Urban Planning and Development being a State subject, the preparation of Master Plans/Development Plans of urban centres is also taken up by respective State Department. Areas having defence bases, oil depots and power plants and shifting population from near these areas are to be considered in the exercise.

5. Various District authorities have evicted unauthorized inhabitants from time to time residing in the clearance/buffer zone.

Development of Fifth Generation Sukhoi Aircrafts by Russia with Indian and Chinese partnership

4201. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has proposed to include China as a partner in developing Fifth Generation Sukhoi Fighter Planes alongwith India; and

(b) if so, India's view thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Improving Education Standard in IAF School, Race Course, New Delhi

†4202. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1999 and state:

(a) what has been the results of the classes other than the Board Examinations during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the section-wise results of 8th class during the said years and number of students passed with passing marks and those who failed; and

(c) whether efforts would be made by Government to improve the declining standard of education in the said school?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The results of the classes other than Board Examination are given below:

Class	2001-2002	2002-2003
I	95%	97%
II	100%	98%
III	91%	100%
IV	87%	84%
V	88%	90%
VI	83%	80%
VII	83%	87%
VIII	69%	88%
IX	71%	60%
XI	77%	79%

(b) The section-wise results of 8th class during the said years and the number of students passed with passing marks are given below:–

Class	2001-2002	2002-2003
VIIIA	62%	89%
VIIIB	76%	89%
VIIIC	70%	85%

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.